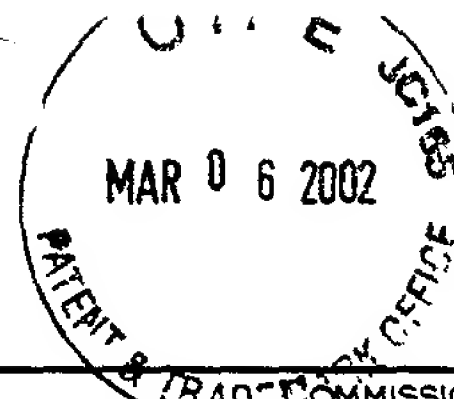




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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 740.

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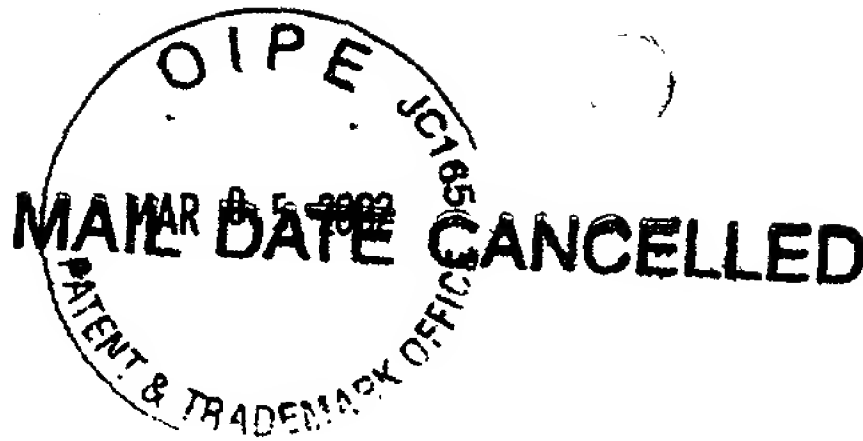
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**ADDED PAGES FOR APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF
PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED**

NOTE: See 37 CFR 1.78.

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17. Relate Back

WARNING: *If an application claims the benefit of the filing date of an earlier filed application under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c), the 20-year term of that application will be based upon the filing date of the earliest U.S. application that the application makes reference to under 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 or 365(c). (35 U.S.C. 154(a)(2) does not take into account, for the determination of the patent term, any application on which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119, 365(a) or 365(b).) For a c-i-p application, applicant should review whether any claim in the patent that will issue is supported by an earlier application and, if not, the applicant should consider canceling the reference to the earlier filed application. The term of a patent is not based on a claim-by-claim approach. See Notice of April 14, 1995, 60 Fed. Reg. 20,195, at 20,205.*

(complete the following, if applicable)

☒ Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following paragraph:

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

NOTE: *"Any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending provisional applications must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification following the title a reference to each such prior provisional application, identifying it as a provisional application, and including the provisional application number (consisting of series code and serial number)." 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(4).*

☒ "This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No(s).:

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and incorporates the same by reference."

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

NOTE: *"Except for a continued prosecution application filed under § 1.53(d), any nonprovisional application claiming the benefit of one or more prior filed copending nonprovisional applications or international applications designating the United States of America must contain or be amended to contain in the first sentence of the specification following the title a reference to each such prior application, identifying it by application number (consisting of the series code and serial number) or international application number and international filing date and indicating the relationship of the applications. . . . Cross-references to other related applications may be made when appropriate." (See § 1.14(a)). 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2).*

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In re application of: Albert ZUR, et al.

Serial No.: 09/994,469

Group No.:

Filed: November 26, 2001

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For: DIGITAL X-RAY BUCKY INCLUDING GRID STORAGE

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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWING(S)
PRIOR TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Attached please find the formal drawings for this application.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10*

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WARNING: "Facsimile transmissions are not permitted and if submitted will not be accorded a date of receipt" for "(4) Drawings submitted under §§ 1.81, 1.83 through 1.85, 1.152, 1.165, 1.174, 1.437 . . ." 37 C.F.R. 1.6(d)(4).



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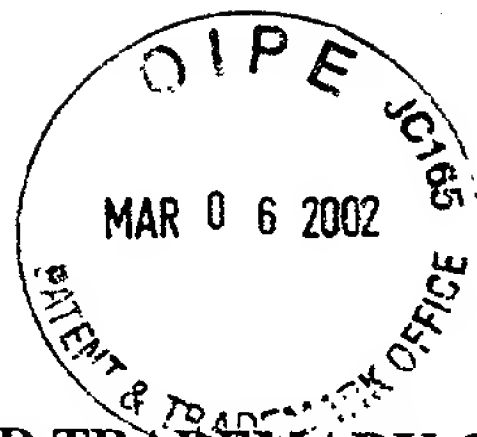
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NOTE: *"Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application. This information should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawings a minimum distance of 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch) down from the top of the page. In addition, a reference to the application number, or, if an application number has not been assigned, the inventor's name, may be included in the left-hand corner, provided that the reference appears within 1.5 cm. (9/16 inch) from the top of the sheet." 37 C.F.R. 1.84(c).*

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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS
-- NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

(check and complete this item, if applicable)

- I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533) or Notice of Informal Application mailed December 13, 2001.

NOTE: If these papers are filed before the office letter issues, adequate identification of the original papers should be made, e.g., in addition to the name of the inventor and title of invention, the filing date based on the "Express Mail" procedure, the serial number from the return post card or the attorney's docket number added.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a) and 1.10*
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☒ A copy of the Notice is enclosed.

NOTE: The PTO requires that a copy of Form PTO-1533 be returned with the response to the notice to file missing parts to the application.

DECLARATION OR OATH

II. (a) ☒ No declaration or oath was filed. Enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

NOTE: If the correct inventor or inventors are not named on filing a nonprovisional application under Section 1.53(b) without an executed oath or declaration under Section 1.63, the later submission of an executed oath or declaration under Section 1.63 during the pendency of the application will act to correct the earlier identification of inventorship. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.48(f)(1).

OR

(b) ☐ The declaration or oath that was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: "The following combinations of information supplied in an oath or declaration filed after the filing date are acceptable as minimums for identifying a specification and compliance with any one of the items below will be accepted as complying with the identification requirement of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.63:

- (A) application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456);
- (B) serial number and filing date;
- (C) attorney docket number which was on the specification as filed;
- (D) title which was on the specification as filed and reference to an attached specification which is both attached to the oath or declaration at the time of execution and submitted with the oath or declaration; or
- (E) title which was on the specification as filed and accompanied by a cover letter accurately identifying the application for which it was intended by either the application number (consisting of the series code and the serial number, e.g., 08/123,456), or serial number and filing date. Absent any statement(s) to the contrary, it will be presumed that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the oath or declaration.

M.P.E.P. Section 601.01(a), 7th ed.

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10(c).

(complete as applicable)

Attached is a

- (c) ☐ Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application that the inventor executed by signing the declaration.
- (d) ☐ Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto that were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.
- (e) ☐ Statement that substitute specification contains no new matter.
- (f) ☒ Preliminary Amendment
- (g) ☒ Transmittal of Formal Drawing(s) Prior to Notice of Allowance
- (h) ☐ Submission of "Sequence Listing," computer readable copy, and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

- III. ☐ Cancel claims _____ inclusive.

TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

- IV. ☐ Submitted herewith is an English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. Also submitted herewith is a statement by the translator of the accuracy of the translation. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

NOTE: For fee processing a non-English application, complete item VI(5) below.

NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.69(b).

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

- V. ☐ A statement that this filing is by a small entity

(check and complete applicable items)

☐ is attached.

☐ A separate refund request accompanies this paper.

☐ was filed on _____ (original).

COMPLETION FEES

VI.

WARNING: Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53.

NOTE: For effect on fees of failure to establish status, or change status, as a small entity, see 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(a).

1. Filing fee

- ☒ original patent application
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a)--\$740.00; small entity--\$370) \$ 740.00
- ☐ design application
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(f)--\$330; small entity--\$165) \$ _____

2. Fees for claims

- ☐ each independent claim in excess of 3
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)--\$84; small entity--\$42) \$ _____
- ☐ each claim in excess of 20
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(c)--\$18; small entity--\$9) \$ _____
- ☐ multiple dependent claim(s)
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d)--\$280; small entity--\$140) \$ _____

3. Surcharge fees

- ☒ late payment of filing fee and/or late filing of original declaration or oath
(37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e)--\$130; small entity--\$65) \$ 130.00

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers, the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee and declaration or oath were missing from the original papers, the Office practice under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) is that only one surcharge fee need be paid whether the later filed oath or declaration and/or the filing fee are submitted afterwards at the same time or at different times.

4. ☐ Petition and fee for filing by other than
all the inventors or a person not the inventor
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.17(i) and 1.47--\$130) \$ _____
5. ☐ Fee for processing an application filed with
a specification in a non-English language
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.17(k) and 1.52(d)--\$130) \$ _____
6. ☐ Fee for processing and retention of application
(37 C.F.R. Sections 1.21(l) and 1.53(d)--\$130) \$ _____

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(l) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53(f) and this, as well as, the changes to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.53 and 1.78 indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee or the processing and retention fee of Section 1.21(l) within 1 year of notification under Section 1.53(f) must be paid.

7. ☐ Assignment (See "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET") \$ _____

Total completion fees \$ 870.00

EXTENSION OF TIME

VII.

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a) apply.

- (a) ☒ Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,440.00	\$720.00

Fee \$ 110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☐ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE DUE

VIII.

The total fee due is

Completion fee(s) \$ 870.00
Extension fee (if any) \$ 110.00

Total Fee Due \$ 980.00

PAYMENT OF FEES

IX.

- ☒ Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 980.00.
- ☐ Charge Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____.
A duplicate of this request is attached.

NOTE: Fees should be itemized in such a manner that it is clear for which purpose the fees are paid. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.22(b).

Please charge Account No. 12-0425 for any fees which may be due by this paper.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

X.

WARNING: *Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.*

NOTE: "Amounts of twenty-five dollars or less will not be returned unless specifically requested within a reasonable time, nor will the payer be notified of such amounts; amounts over twenty-five dollars may be returned by check or, if requested, by credit to a deposit account." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.26(a).

- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees that may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 12-0425
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)
- ☐ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b), (c) and (d) (presentation of extra claims)

NOTE: Because additional fees for excess or multiple dependent claims not paid on filing or on later presentation must only be paid or these claims canceled by amendment prior to the expiration of the time period set for response by the PTO in any notice of fee deficiency (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(d)), it might be best not to authorize the PTO to charge additional claim fees, except possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

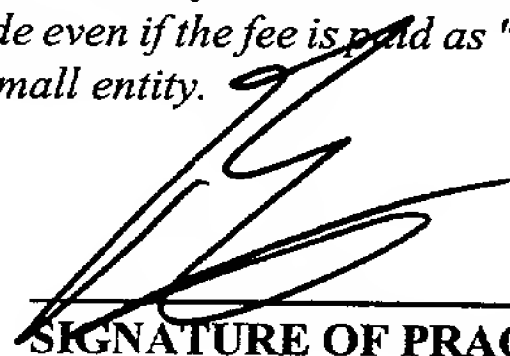
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(5) (extension fees pursuant to Section 1.136(a)).
- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17 (application processing fees)

NOTE: "A written request may be submitted in an application that is an authorization to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. An authorization to charge all required fees, fees under Section 1.17, or all required extension of time fees will be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission. Submission of the fee set forth in Section 1.17(a) will also be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136(a)(3).

- ☒ 37 C.F.R. Section 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b))

NOTE: Where an authorization to charge the issue fee to a deposit account has been filed before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the issue fee will be automatically charged to the deposit account at the time of mailing the notice of allowance. 37 C.F.R. Section 1.311(b).

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application . . . prior to paying, or at the time of paying . . . issue fee . . ." From the wording of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.



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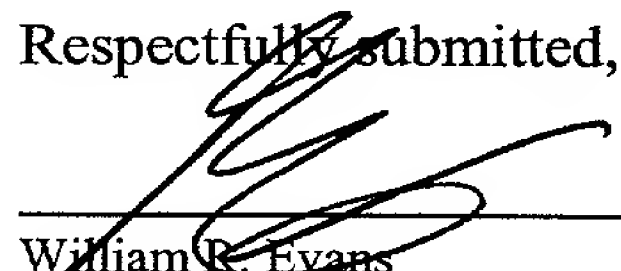
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The attached Fig. 1B is fully supported by the prior art and specification and, therefore, its addition does not involve new matter, except for portions about reference characters 10 & 12, which are fully supported by the prior art, drawing of the priority provisional application, its specification and the present specification. The provisional application is incorporated by reference (see New Application Transmittal, added page 1 of 5, copy attached) and, therefore, the addition of such portions does not involve new matter, either.

The attached Figs. 2A-2D are fully supported by the prior art, drawing of the incorporated priority provisional application, its specification and the present specification and, therefore, their addition does not involve new matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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